



REALifelines Program



U.S. Department of Labor
Veterans' Employment &
Training Service



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What is REALifelines?

- *Recovery and*
- *Employment*
- *Assistance*
- *Lifelines*





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Program History:

Began after a visit with wounded service members and veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center on October 10, 2004, by Elaine L. Chao (U.S. Secretary of Labor)





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REALifelines Sites in Texas:

- Ft. Hood, Killeen
- Ft. Bliss, El Paso
- Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio





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Who do we assist?

Service members include Active Duty, Guard and Reservists. Participants are classified as seriously injured by healthcare professionals





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- How are service members informed of program information?

ADVET/DVOP attends various briefings and formations, meetings, and special events to discuss:

- Transition Assistance Program
- Training and placement opportunities
- Referrals/Network
- What questions to ask





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- **Provide briefings to agencies and service providers**
- **Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Operation Enduring Freedom Case Managers**
- **Direct contact with the Army Wounded Warrior Program**
- **Direct contact with Marine and Navy Liaison Office**





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What services do we provide?

Services Provided: DVOP

- Intensive employment services
- Labor Market Information
- Career counseling and career guidance
- Job employment and short-term placement opportunities
- Job training, job referral, and placement
- Reemployment rights information (USERRA)
- Referral to other federal, state, community or faith-based community organizations to assist in addressing barriers to employment, training, or benefits





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REALifelines services are also available for:

- **Spouses of Active Duty service members who have been severely injured or disabled**
- **Family members (caregivers) who have temporarily left their jobs to be with loved ones during recovery**





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REALifelines Challenges:

- Facing the harsh reality of exiting the military
- Complications of short-term memory loss (as a result of Traumatic Brain Injury)
- Warriors not understanding that monetary entitlements (Social Security Income (SSI), Traumatic Service members Group Life Insurance (TSGLI)) are temporary solutions.



Purpose

- Respond to the needs of wounded and injured and their families
- Help wounded and injured reintegrate
- Help them find meaningful careers and jobs by: ***one-on-one personalized employment services, including targeted job information, career counseling, and case management specific to their individual needs, job referrals and job placement.***





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- Questions

